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AUGMENTATION OF TOWERS CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the capacity of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and Mobile Towers in the country including West Bengal to improve the quality of services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(d) whether there is a long waiting list for connections pending with the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) including Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) connections; and

(e) if so, the manner in which the Government proposes to clear this waiting list?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. BSNL has planned to add 19.21 lakh lines WLL capacity including 49500 in West Bengal and 2 crore GSM mobile capacity including 9.06 lakh lines in West Bengal during the year 2009-10.

MTNL has planned to add 200 GSM towers in Delhi and 291 GSM and 10 WLL towers in Mumbai during 2009-10. Further MTNL has proposed to increase the capacities of existing GSM towers by 215 BTSs in Delhi and 150 BTSs in Mumbai during current financial year 2009-10. MTNL will also add 720 number Node 'B's each in Delhi and Mumbai for 3G network at the existing 2G BTS site.

(d) & (e) At present there is no waiting list of mobile connection in BSNL. SIM are available on demand. However, the waiting list as on 31.3.2009 in respect of WLL and Fixed line are 54,958 and 2,23,238 respectively. BSNL has planned to clear the waiting list of WLL and Fixed line, (as on 31.3.2009) by 31.3.2010.